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Allies Plan to Impose Sterner Terms on Obstinate Germans; One-Half of Draft of Society of Nations Constitution Covered

\$290,000,000 TAX ON PURSES HERE UNDER NEW BILL

Internal Revenue Experts Estimate Philadelphia's Share in Federal Levy FIFTY PER CENT BOOST

Collector Lederer Willing to Assume All Worry if Fellow-Citizens "Pay Up"

Philadelphia's Federal tax bill will amount to approximately \$290,000,000, which is nearly 50 per cent larger than last year's bill.

These figures are tentative and are estimated by experts who framed the war-revenue bill that is making the average citizen ask how he can meet it.

But Philadelphians must not worry about such a trifling matter. Internal Revenue Collector Lederer, who occupies a big office in the Postoffice Building, at Ninth and Market streets, wants that much understood.

"Don't worry," was his advice today when he arrived at his desk and began to figure how the new war-revenue bill would affect his fellow townsmen. And just to prove his bigness of heart he announced that he would assume the "worry" for everybody.

"It is up to me to do the worrying," said Mr. Lederer. "I should not be good enough to do all the worrying?" Mr. Lederer offered a bit of consolation by asserting that all of the taxation bill would be paid by Philadelphia. It included the bills for eight of the surrounding counties that are included in the Philadelphia district.

Naturally, the bulk of it will be paid by the citizens of Philadelphia. That they will pay was made certain by the collector, for he volunteered the fact that every return should be checked up.

"Lands Disposition to Defer," he added, "that there is little disposition to avoid these taxes, but the government does not rely on the conscience of the individual, and to check up errors means a heavy check-up system. Briefly, it is up to every individual to aid us in our work. If they don't and fail to make proper returns then we will go extra clerks engaged for the work, but in order to facilitate the work connected with income tax returns we will assign branches in various sections of the city. These will be located in trust companies and a few post-offices. Clerks will be there to give information in regard to the income tax returns. They will be up to the income tax to make payment. Such payment can be sent to the central office or paid directly by the individual.

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"Luxuries" That Will Pay 10 Per Cent Federal Tax

Here are some of the "luxuries" that will pay a 10 per cent tax under the new revenue bill: Women's hats that sell for more than \$15; men's hats that sell for more than \$5. Stockings priced at more than \$2 a pair; socks selling for more than \$1 a pair. Nightgowns, underwear and pajamas selling for more than \$5 a garment. Petticoats, waists and kimonos priced at more than \$15 each. Shirts selling for more than \$3 each. Neckties costing more than \$2 each. Fancy waistcoats. Umbrellas and parasols priced at more than \$4 each. Pocketbooks and shopping bags selling for more than \$7.50 each. Valises and traveling bags costing more than \$25 each. Carpets and rugs priced at more than \$5 a yard.

SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTORS QUIT

Call Strike Effective March 1, Saying \$600 Salary Inadequate

DEMAND \$1000 A YEAR

The medical inspectors of the public schools resigned in a body today—the resignation to become effective March 1—because they are unwilling longer to work for \$600 a year. They want \$1000.

The inspectors hope the Board of Education will increase their pay, thereby inducing them to withdraw the resignation.

Director of Health and Charities Krusen, under whose direction the inspectors work, said he had asked the Board of Education to increase their salaries.

He had asked the inspectors to delay action, pending action by the board, he said, but since they had resigned he could do nothing but appoint other men in their places on March 1.

The joint resignation was voted for and signed by forty-four of the forty-six inspectors at a meeting in their headquarters, room 723, City Hall.

OLD ORDER GONE, AVERS EBERT AS ASSEMBLY OPENS

Germany Will Be Empire of Justice and Truth, Asserts Chancellor

SAYS PEOPLE CAN RULE

Earnest Appeal for Unity Made to Weimar Parliament

By the Associated Press

Weimar, Feb. 6 (delayed).—The old order in Germany has gone beyond the recall and the people now are determined to rule themselves, declared Friedrich Ebert, the Chancellor, calling the National Assembly to order here this afternoon.

"We will call on the old German spirit of Weimar," he said. "We will be an empire of justice and truth."

The Chancellor opened the proceedings of the assembly at 3:15 o'clock. He was received with applause as he advanced for the ceremonial. The Chancellor's speech was an earnest appeal for unity and uniting labor.

Halls German-Austria Stand

Herr Ebert said he hated the decision of German-Austria to bring about "that national unity of the German race which alone can afford a guarantee of a flourishing and economic life."

"Ladies and Gentlemen," Germans Hear First Time

Weimar, Feb. 6.—(Delayed).—(By A. P.)—In opening the German National Assembly here today, Chancellor Ebert addressed the assemblage as "ladies and gentlemen."

SHIPMEN STRIKE UP TO U. S. BOARD

Boilermakers at Bristol Yard Appeal Case to Washington

FIGHT OVER FOREMEN

Boilermakers who went on strike at the Merchant Shipbuilding Company, Bristol, Pa., today have appealed their case to the war labor board at Washington, according to John A. Mellon, business representative of the union.

Union officials say there are 4000 men out, and that until the men return work at the plant will be held up.

The strike was caused, according to Mellon, by the discharge yesterday of Joseph Clark, a foreman, "for the sole reason that he wore an A. F. of L. button."

The works management, he said, was acting under a ruling by Rear Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, to the effect that foremen are administrative officers and therefore cannot belong to the union.

"We had the matter up with W. T. Wilson, the works manager," he said, "but to no satisfaction. When I told him the men would strike unless the ruling was changed he declared that the firm would declare a lockout."

WORLD LEAGUE PROGRAM SOON TO BE FINISHED

Questions of Greatest Importance on Functions Are Decided

ELEVEN MORE ARTICLES ADOPTED AT SESSION

Win, Allen White and Prof. Herron Named U. S. Delegates to Marmora

FEAR ANNEXATION PLOT

Wilson Proposes Plan for Executive Council—Small Powers to Participate

By the Associated Press

Paris, Feb. 7.—Substantially one-half of the draft of the constitution for the society of nations has been covered by the chief conference commission dealing with this question. It was officially announced today.

In approving a number of additional articles of the draft the commission reached an accord. It is stated, on certain questions of the greatest importance concerning the positive functions of the league, the acceptance of these additional articles was provisional. It is officially announced.

The great progress now being made indicates that the task may be completed within the next four or five days or well ahead of the time for the President's return to the United States, February 12. The members of the commission emphasize, however, that the agreements reached so far are provisional and in principle only. The entire structure may yet have to be revised when it comes to agreeing on details. This is the reason assigned for the rigid secrecy with which the text of the project is being guarded.

ALLIES BELIEVE U. S. SHOULD GIVE CREDIT TO RESTORE EUROPE

American Advisers Dissent—Problem Is Key to Reparation Question Upon Which Commission Has Begun Work

EVEN PEACE WAITS ON SOLUTION; WORLD CONDITIONS CHAOTIC

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger With the Peace Delegation in Europe

Paris, Feb. 7.—The commission on reparation has begun its work. Its problem of determining how much damage Germany did, how much she shall pay, how the payment shall be made and what guarantees shall be required, is one of the most fundamental of the Peace Conference.

The territorial claims of France, for instance, and her attitude on many questions, are bound up in the question of financial reparation. Part of that question is where shall credit be obtained, and that is the key to the whole situation.

Insists on Blockade

That issue also underlies the French insistence on maintaining the blockade against Germany until Germany accepts the decision of the Peace Conference. It underlies as well the question of the exclusion of foreign products from France—and England's position on this is the same as France's.

The determination of reparation must proceed the social problem solution here also, for employment cannot be given to the people without credit. The Allies believe America should furnish credit because America is the richest nation in the world; but American financial advisers believe that America already has extended its loans sufficiently without attempting to finance the restoration of French, Italian and English industries, feed central Europe and cancel part of the American war loans to the Allies.

Biggest Problem of All

EBERT THREAT OF BREAK TO BRING REPLY

Supreme War Council Meets to Deal With Enemy Recriminations

ARMISTICE EXTENSION CONDITIONS STRICTER

French Demand Occupancy of Essen to Control Hostile War Factories

SHIPS STILL DUE ALLIES

Demand Proposed That Hindenburg Halt Campaign Against Poland

By the Associated Press

Paris, Feb. 7.—The Allied Premier, who will meet this afternoon at the Supreme Interallied War Council, probably will fix new terms to be imposed upon Germany, whose tactics of obstruction and recrimination are said to have reached a climax in a threat made at Weimar by Chancellor Ebert that Germany would break off negotiations with the Allies.

The feeling in Peace Conference circles is that the Germans are more and more forgetting their position, and it is expected that the Supreme War Council will take measures to bring them to a sense of the realities.

To Renew Armistice February 11

INSANE WOMAN FIRES HOUSE

Police Say Mrs. Nora Snead Meant to Make Pyre of Home

Mrs. Nora Snead, fifty years old, 2105 East Wilburt street, went insane today and set her home on fire with the intention of burning herself to death, the police say.

FOUR FIRES IN TWO HOURS

Police of Fourth Street and Snyder Avenue Station Kept Busy

Four small fires, all within the district covered by the police station, were reported within two hours today.

2 WOMEN HURT AS TROLLEY CAR RUNS INTO CURB

Vehicle Jumps Tracks Near 12th and Chestnut Streets, Injuring Passengers

Two women were in the Jefferson Hotel, suffering from shock and minor injuries received when a southbound Frankford trolley car jumped the tracks at Twelfth and Chestnut streets this morning.

BOY ACCUSED OF HOLD-UPS

Three Women Say Youth Robbed Them on Suburban Roads

Magistrate Thomas held sixteen-year-old Eugene Herman, Eighth street near Diamond, for court without bail today in the Oakmont police station.

MRS. JOHN B. THAYER, SR., DIES

Heart Trouble Cause of Death. Was Eighty Years Old.

Mrs. John B. Thayer, Sr., died today at her home on Larches lane, Merion, after an illness of several months. Heart trouble caused her death.

PERSISTENT SUITOR HELD

Waitress Says Waiter Threatened Her Life Unless Accepted

Frank Paulson, waiter, was held today for court today by Magistrate McLaughlin, at the City Jail.

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CHILD AND WOMAN BURNED

One Is Victim When Gas in Unoccupied House Explodes

Two victims of burning accidents, one a woman and the other a child, are in hospitals today in a serious condition.

WOMAN KILLED BY AUTO

Driver Flees After Fatal Accident at Moorestown

Moorestown, N. J., Feb. 7.—Miss M. E. Horner, fifty-nine years old, a clerk in the postoffice at Moorestown, died early today from injuries received in an automobile accident last night.

DREAMER AND WORKER

A business doctor will go into a factory, develop the power, eliminate waste, cut down expenses, and make the stockholder rich.

The greatest factory in the world is the human brain. It usually runs on a hundred or two hundred watts of energy. High-powered factories are doing laboring jobs, time is being wasted; ability lies on the dump; extravagance is everywhere, and the management considers that the business does not thrive.

AMICABLE ADJUSTMENT OF ADRIATIC CLAIMS NEAR

PARIS, Feb. 7.—As the result of direct exchanges between Premier Orlando of Italy and Premier Protitch of Jugoslavia, it was stated today that the differences between the two countries regarding the boundaries of their respective territories, which have been an acute problem, probably soon will be adjusted amicably.

WEIMAR ASSEMBLY ASKED TO SAFEGUARD PRESS

BERLIN, Feb. 7.—The Berlin Press Club has adopted a resolution to be presented to the National Assembly at Weimar in which it protests sharply against the seizure of newspaper plants throughout Germany by the Spartacists. The resolution calls on the assembly to authorize effective measures for safeguarding the liberty of the press, the men in its employ and the physical property.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK BY MINE OFF THAMES

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The British mine sweeper Erin's Isle struck a mine this morning near the mouth of the Thames River and sank. Twenty-eight survivors have been lauded.

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MOSCOW SHOPS SEIZED

YORK, Pa., Feb. 7.—Mrs. J. W. Tompkins says she was virtually killed when she was struck by a truck today when an automobile turned turtle on the Chancetown turnpike, leading into this city.

MOSCOW SHOPS SEIZED

"Municipalized" Without Compensation to Owners

Washington, Feb. 7.—Unofficial dispatches reaching the State Department today say that virtually all stores in Moscow have been "municipalized," as a rule without any compensation to the owners.

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